

**Circuit Court for** \_\_\_\_\_ **Case No.** \_\_\_\_\_  
City or County

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Apt. #

\_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address Apt. #

\_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip Code Area Code Telephone

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***Plaintiff***

***Defendant***

**COMPLAINT FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE**

(DOM REL 20)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, representing myself, state that:  
Your Name

1. The Defendant and I were married on \_\_\_\_\_  
Month Day Year  
in \_\_\_\_\_ in a ☐ civil ☐ religious ceremony.  
City/County/State where Married (Check One)

2. *Check all that apply:*

- ☐ I have lived in Maryland since: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Year
- ☐ My spouse has lived in Maryland since: \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Year
- ☐ The grounds for divorce occurred in the State of Maryland.

3. *Check one:*

- ☐ We have no children together (skip paragraphs 5 and 6) or
- ☐ My spouse and I are the parents of the following child(ren):

_____ Name	_____ Date of Birth	_____ Name	_____ Date of Birth
_____ Name	_____ Date of Birth	_____ Name	_____ Date of Birth
_____ Name	_____ Date of Birth	_____ Name	_____ Date of Birth

4. I know of the following related cases concerning the child(ren) or parties (such as domestic violence, paternity, divorce, custody, visitation, termination of parental rights, adoption or other cases):

<u>Court</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Kind of Case</u>	<u>Year Filed</u>	<u>Results or Status (if known)</u>
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_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

5. I have been a party, witness, or otherwise involved in the following cases about custody or visitation of the child(ren) :

<u>State</u>	<u>Court</u>	<u>Case No.</u>	<u>Date of Child Custody Determination</u>
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Attach the most recent court order for the above-referenced court cases.

6. I know of the following people, not parties to this case, who have physical custody of, or claim rights of legal custody or physical custody of, or visitation with the child(ren) :

_____	_____
Name	Current Address
_____	_____
Name	Current Address
_____	_____
Name	Current Address

7. The child(ren) are currently living with: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

8. The child(ren) have lived in the following places, with the persons indicated during the last five years:

<u>Time Period</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Name(s)/Current Address of Person(s) with whom Child Lived</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

9. It is in the best interests of the child(ren) that I have (*check all that apply*):

☐ joint ☐ sole physical custody of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check One) Name of Children

☐ joint ☐ sole legal custody of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check One) Name of Children

☐ visitation with \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Children

10. I ☐ am ☐ am not seeking alimony because \_\_\_\_\_  
(Check One)

11. (You do not have to complete paragraph 11 if you are not asking the court to make decisions about your property.) My spouse and/or I have the following property (*check all that apply*)

☐ House(s) ☐ Furniture

☐ Pensions ☐ Bank account(s) and investment(s)

☐ Motor Vehicle(s) ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Debts (attach list)

12. My grounds for absolute divorce are: (*check all that apply*)

☐ **Two-Year Separation** - From on or about \_\_\_\_\_, my spouse and I have lived  
Month/Day/Year  
separate and apart from each other in separate residences, without interruptions, without sexual intercourse, for more than two years and there is no reasonable expectation that we will reconcile.

☐ **Voluntary Separation** - From on or about \_\_\_\_\_, my spouse and I by mutual and  
Month/Day/Year  
voluntary agreement have lived separate and apart from one another in separate residences, without interruption, without sexual intercourse, for more than 12 months with the express purpose and intent of ending our marriage, and there is no reasonable expectation that we will reconcile.

☐ **Adultery** - My spouse committed adultery.

☐ **Actual Desertion** - On or about \_\_\_\_\_, my spouse, without just cause or reason,  
Month/Day/Year  
abandoned and deserted me, with the intention of ending our marriage. This abandonment has continued without interruption for more than 12 months and there is no reasonable expectation that we will reconcile.

- ☐ **Constructive Desertion** - I left my spouse because his/her cruel and vicious conduct made the continuation of our marriage impossible, if I were to preserve my health, safety, and self-respect. This conduct was the final and deliberate act of my spouse and our separation has continued without interruption for more than 12 months and there is no reasonable expectation that we will reconcile.
- ☐ **Criminal Conviction of a Felony or Misdemeanor** - On or about \_\_\_\_\_, my spouse was sentenced to serve at least three years or an indeterminate sentence in a penal institution and has served 12 or more months of the sentence.  
Month/Day/Year
- ☐ **Cruelty/Excessively Vicious Conduct Against Me or my minor child** - My spouse has persistently treated me or my minor child cruelly and has engaged in excessively vicious conduct rendering continuation of the marital relationship impossible if I am to preserve my health, safety, and self-respect, and there is no reasonable expectation that we will reconcile.
- ☐ **Insanity** - On or about \_\_\_\_\_, my spouse was confined to a mental institution, hospital, or other similar institution and has been confined for 3 more years. Two doctors competent in psychiatry will testify that the insanity is incurable and there is no hope of recovery. My spouse or I have been a resident of Maryland for at least two years before the filing of this complaint.  
Month/Day/Year

**FOR THESE REASONS**, I request (*check all that apply*):

An Absolute Divorce

- ☐ A change back to my former name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Full Former Name
- ☐ ☐ Sole ☐ Joint physical custody of the minor child(ren).  
(Check One)
- ☐ ☐ Sole ☐ Joint legal custody of the minor child(ren).  
(Check One)
- ☐ Visitation with the minor child(ren).
- ☐ Use and possession of the family home for up to three years from the date of the divorce.
- ☐ Use and possession of the family use personal property for up to three years from the date of the divorce.
- ☐ Child support (Attach Form DOM REL 30 or DOM REL 31).
- ☐ Health insurance for the child(ren).
- ☐ Health insurance for me.
- ☐ My share of the property or its value.
- ☐ Transfer of family use personal property.
- ☐ A monetary award (money) based on marital property.
- ☐ Alimony (Attach Form DOM. REL 31).
- Any other appropriate relief.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, solemnly affirm under the penalties of perjury, that the contents of this document are true to the best of my knowledge, information and belief.  
Your Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature